

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 2, 4, 11, 12, 14, and 16, **WITHDRAW** claims 3, 5-7, 15, 18-28, and 30, and **ADD** claims 31-40, as follows:

1. (CANCELLED)

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electrolyte for a lithium-sulfur battery having a positive and negative electrode, comprising:

a first solvent having a dielectric constant that is greater than or equal to 20;

a second solvent having a viscosity that is less than or equal to 1.3; and

an electrolyte salt,

wherein:

said first solvent is at least one selected from a group consisting of methanol, hexamethyl phosphoramidate, ethanol, and isopropanol, and

the first solvent is roughly between 20% and 80% by weight of the electrolyte.

3. (WITHDRAWN) The electrolyte for the lithium-sulfur battery of claim 2, An electrolyte for a lithium-sulfur battery having a positive and negative electrode, comprising:

a first solvent having a dielectric constant that is greater than or equal to 20;

a second solvent having a viscosity that is less than or equal to 1.3; and

an electrolyte salt,

wherein said second solvent is at least one selected from a group consisting of methylethyl ketone, pyridine, methyl formate, n-propyl acetate, ethyl ether, methylethyl carbonate, toluene, fluorotoluene, benzene, fluorobenzene, p-dioxane, and cyclohexane.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electrolyte for a lithium-sulfur battery having a positive and negative electrode, comprising:

a first solvent having a dielectric constant that is greater than or equal to 20;

a second solvent having a viscosity that is less than or equal to 1.3; and

an electrolyte salt,

wherein:

the first solvent is less than 30% ~~roughly between 20% and 40%~~ by weight of the electrolyte, and

the second solvent is roughly between 80% and about 60% by weight of the electrolyte.

5. (WITHDRAWN) The electrolyte for the lithium-sulfur battery of claim 4, further comprising an additive that forms a solid electrolyte interface (SEI) at a surface of the negative electrode during charging.

6. (WITHDRAWN) The electrolyte for the lithium-sulfur battery of claim 5, wherein said additive is at least one selected from a group consisting of vinylene carbonate, vinylene trithiocarbonate, ethylene trithiocarbonate, ethylene sulfite, ethylene sulfide and bismuth carbonate.

7. (WITHDRAWN) The electrolyte for the lithium-sulfur battery of claim 5, wherein said additive is roughly between 0.2% and 10% by weight of the electrolyte.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The electrolyte for the lithium-sulfur battery of claim 4, wherein said electrolyte salt is at least one selected from a group consisting of lithium hexafluorophosphate (LiPF_6), lithium tetrafluoroborate (LiBF_4), lithium hexafluoroarsenate (LiAsF_6), lithium perchlorate (LiClO_4), lithium trifluoromethane sulfonyl imide ($\text{LiN}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2)_2$), and lithium trifluorosulfonate ($\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{Li}$).

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The electrolyte for the lithium-sulfur battery of claim 4, wherein a concentration of said electrolyte salt is roughly between 0.5 M and 2.0 M.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A lithium-sulfur battery comprising:

a negative electrode comprising a negative active material selected from a group consisting of lithium metal, lithium-containing alloy, a combination electrode of a lithium/inactive sulfur, a compound that can reversibly intercalate lithium ion, and a compound that can reversibly redoxitate with a lithium ion at a surface;

an electrolyte comprising a first solvent having a dielectric constant that is greater than or equal to 20, a second solvent having a viscosity that is less than or equal to 1.3, and an electrolyte salt; and

a positive electrode comprising a positive active material comprising at least one sulfur-based material selected from a group consisting of a sulfur element, Li_2S_n ($n \geq 1$), an organic sulfur compound, and a carbon-sulfur polymer $((\text{C}_2\text{S}_x)_n$ where $x=2.5$ to 50 and $n \geq 2$), and an electrically conductive material,

wherein

the first solvent is roughly between 20% and 40% by weight of the electrolyte, and

the second solvent is roughly between 80% and about 60% by weight of the electrolyte.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electrolyte for a lithium-sulfur battery, comprising:

a first solvent having a polarity high enough to dissolve an ionic compound;

a second solvent having a viscosity that is less than or equal to 1.3; and

an electrolyte salt,

wherein

the first solvent is less than 30% ~~roughly between 20% and 40 %~~ by weight of the electrolyte, and

the second solvent is roughly between 80% and about 60% by weight of the electrolyte.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A lithium-sulfur battery comprising:

a negative electrode comprising a negative active material;

an electrolyte comprising

a first solvent having a polarity high enough to dissolve an ionic compound,

a second solvent having a viscosity that is less than or equal to 1.3, and

an electrolyte salt; and

a positive electrode comprising a positive active material,

wherein

the first solvent is roughly between 20% and 40% by weight of the electrolyte, and

the second solvent is ~~roughly between 80 % and about 60~~ more than 70% by weight of the electrolyte.

13. (ORIGINAL) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 12, wherein the first solvent has a dielectric constant that is greater than or equal to 20.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A lithium-sulfur battery comprising:

a negative electrode comprising a negative active material;

an electrolyte comprising

a first solvent having a polarity high enough to dissolve an ionic compound,

a second solvent having a viscosity that is less than or equal to 1.3, and

an electrolyte salt; and

a positive electrode comprising a positive active material,

wherein:

the first solvent is at least one selected from a group consisting of methanol, hexamethyl phosphoramidate, ethanol, and isopropanol,

the first solvent is roughly between 20% and 80% by volume of said electrolyte,

and

the second solvent is roughly between 20% and about 80% by volume of said electrolyte.

15. (WITHDRAWN) A The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 14, comprising:

~~a negative electrode comprising a negative active material;~~

~~an electrolyte comprising~~

~~a first solvent having a polarity high enough to dissolve an ionic compound,~~

~~a second solvent having a viscosity that is less than or equal to 1.3, and~~

~~an electrolyte salt; and~~

~~a positive electrode comprising a positive active material,~~

wherein the second solvent is at least one selected from a group consisting of methylethyl ketone, pyridine, methyl formate, n-propyl acetate, ethyl ether, methylethyl carbonate, toluene, fluorotoluene, benzene, fluorobenzene, p-dioxane, and cyclohexane.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 14, wherein:

the first solvent is roughly between 20% and ~~80~~40% by volume of said electrolyte, and

the second solvent is roughly between ~~20~~80% and about ~~80~~60% by volume of said electrolyte.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 14, wherein a ratio of the first solvent to the second solvent is roughly 1:1.
18. (WITHDRAWN) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 12, wherein said electrolyte further comprises an additive that prevents the formation of dendrite on a surface of said negative electrode during charging.
19. (WITHDRAWN) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 18, wherein the additive forms a solid electrolyte interface (SEI) at the surface of said negative electrode.
20. (WITHDRAWN) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 18, wherein the additive is at least one selected from a group consisting of vinylene carbonate, vinylene trithiocarbonate, ethylene trithiocarbonate, ethylene sulfite, ethylene sulfide and bismuth carbonate.
21. (WITHDRAWN) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 18, wherein the additive is roughly between 0.2% and 10% by weight of said electrolyte.
22. (WITHDRAWN) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 10, further comprising an additive that forms a solid electrolyte interface (SEI) at a surface of the negative electrode during charging.
23. (WITHDRAWN) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 22, wherein said additive is at least one selected from a group consisting of vinylene carbonate, vinylene trithiocarbonate, ethylene trithiocarbonate, ethylene sulfite, ethylene sulfide and bismuth carbonate.

24. (WITHDRAWN) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 23, wherein said electrolyte salt is at least one selected from a group consisting of lithium hexafluorophosphate (LiPF_6), lithium tetrafluoroborate (LiBF_4), lithium hexafluoroarsenate (LiAsF_6), lithium perchlorate (LiClO_4), lithium trifluoromethane sulfonyl imide ($\text{LiN}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2)_2$), and lithium trifluorosulfonate ($\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{Li}$).

25. (WITHDRAWN) The electrolyte for the lithium-sulfur battery of claim 3, wherein said first solvent is sulfolane, and said second solvent is the toluene.

26. (WITHDRAWN) The electrolyte for the lithium-sulfur battery of claim 3, wherein said first solvent is sulfolane, and said second solvent is the n-propyl acetate.

27. (WITHDRAWN) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 15, wherein said first solvent is sulfolane, and said second solvent is the toluene.

28. (WITHDRAWN) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 15, wherein said first solvent is sulfolane, and said second solvent is the n-propyl acetate.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The electrolyte for the lithium-sulfur battery of claim 4, wherein the first solvent is at least one selected from a group consisting of ethylene carbonate, propylene carbonate, dimethyl sulfoxide, sulforane, γ -butyrolactone, acetonitrile, dimethyl formamide, methanol, hexamethyl phosphoramide, ethanol, and isopropanol.

30. (WITHDRAWN) The electrolyte for the lithium-sulfur battery of claim 4, wherein the second solvent is at least one selected from a group consisting of methylethyl ketone, pyridine, methyl formate, tetrahydrofuran, diglyme (2-methoxyethyl ether), 1,3-dioxolane, methyl acetate, 2-methyl tetrahydrofuran, ethyl acetate, n-propyl acetate, ethyl propionate, methyl propionate,

ethyl ether, diethyl carbonate, methylethyl carbonate, dimethyl carbonate, toluene, fluorotoluene, 1,2-dimethoxy ethane, benzene, fluorobenzene, p-dioxane, and cyclohexane.

31. (NEW) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 10, wherein said first solvent is at least one selected from a group consisting of methanol, hexamethyl phosphoramide, ethanol, and isopropanol.

32. (NEW) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 10, wherein the second solvent is more than 70% by weight of the electrolyte.

33. (NEW) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 10, wherein the first solvent is less than 30% by weight of the electrolyte.

34. (NEW) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 10, wherein the second solvent is substantially 80% by weight of the electrolyte.

35. (NEW) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 10, wherein the first solvent is substantially 20% by weight of the electrolyte.

36. (NEW) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 14, wherein the second solvent is more than 70% by weight of the electrolyte.

37. (NEW) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 14, wherein the first solvent is less than 30% by weight of the electrolyte.

38. (NEW) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 14, wherein the second solvent is substantially 80% by weight of the electrolyte.

39. (NEW) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 14, wherein the first solvent is substantially 20% by weight of the electrolyte.

40. (NEW) The lithium-sulfur battery of claim 14, wherein said first solvent is at least one selected from a group consisting of methanol, hexamethyl phosphoramidate, ethanol, and isopropanol.